(2) Please see Article 16 A., C. S. R. and 70—73 C. S. R. An extract from the rules is appended. (*Appendix X.*)

Taluk-war statement of expenditure for irrigation.

147. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent annually for irrigation for each Taluk in the last nine years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Two statements giving the information are appended. (*Appendix XI* (1) & (2)).

N. B.—As accounts in the Panchayat Department are not kept Taluk-war, it is not possible to give a Talukwar statement of expenditure so far as that department is concerned.

Construction of bridge at Vettikadavu—action on petition for.

148. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Diwan of Cochin has received a petition dated 30th Kanni 1109 from the people of Pazhanji, Kattakampal and Mangad villages praying to construct a bridge at Vettikadavu;

(b) what action has been taken by the Government to comply with their request;

(c) whether a copy of the reply sent to the petitioners be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to item (c) of question No. 92.

(c) No reply has been given to the petitioners.

Government officers in chronic indebtedness.

149. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether there is any rule or order that Government servants who are involved in chronic indebtedness should not be retained in service; and if so,

(b) whether a copy of the rule or order referring to the above matter be printed and placed on the table;

(c) the names of the Government servants whose services have been dispensed with in the last five years for the above reason;

(d) the names of the Government officers whose salaries or a portion thereof are under attachment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

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